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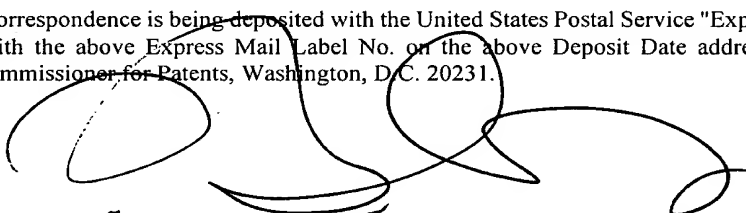
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| For: "Storage Rack System And Locking Latch Therefor" |   |                          |

**NEW APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL**

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SIR:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 35 U.S.C. § 111(a) and 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b)  
is a new non-provisional continuation patent application entitled

**"STORAGE RACK SYSTEM AND LOCKING LATCH THEREFOR"**

HERZOG ET AL.  
"Storage Rack System And Locking Latch Therefor"  
Atty. Docket No. 8667-61

New Continuation Application

by **Richard R. HERZOG ET AL.** the inventors.

The present application is a continuation application of commonly assigned and co-pending Appl. No. 09/693,045 filed on 20 October 2000, which is a continuation of U.S. Application No. 09/300,923 filed on 28 April 1999 entitled identically, from which priority under 35 U.S.C. §120 is hereby claimed.

The enclosed specification, drawings and declaration are true copies of the originals filed in the referenced parent applications.

The assignment of the present continuation application to Illinois Tool Works Inc. remains the same as in the parent application.

Enclosed are:

- ☒ [ X ] copy of the original Declaration and Power of Attorney;
- ☒ [ X ] copy of original Specification and Abstract (22 pgs.), as amended;
- ☒ [ X ] Formal Drawings (4 Sheets);
- ☒ [ X ] a Preliminary Amendment (15 pgs.);
- ☒ [ X ] a check in an amount of \$ 740.00 for the Fees calculated below.

| FEE Calculation    |                  |         | Extra Claims     | Rate      | Fee       |
|--------------------|------------------|---------|------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Basic Fee          | (37 CFR 1.16(a)) |         |                  | \$ 710.00 | \$ 740.00 |
| Total Claims       | (37 CFR 1.16(c)) | 20 - 20 | 0                | \$ 18.00  | \$ 00.00  |
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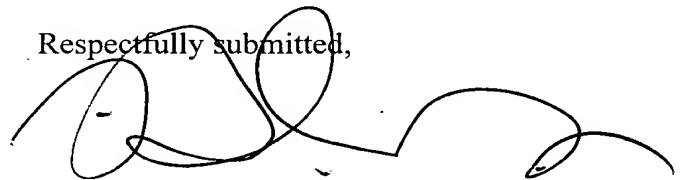
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